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PRELIMINARY REMARKS

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following remarks.

REMARKS

This application is a continuation of application no. 09/606,320, filed on June 28, 2000, which was a continuation-in-part of application no. 09/347,032, filed on July 2, 1999. The text of the specification of the present application is identical to that of application no. 09/347,032, and it is respectfully submitted that all claims herein are fully supported by the July 2, 1999, filing.

Claims 1 and 2 herein have been copied from claims 9 and 10 of U.S. Patent No. 6,258,100, which issued on July 10, 2001, from an application filed on October 10, 2000, and which claimed to be a divisional of application no. 09/379,972, filed on August 24, 1999.

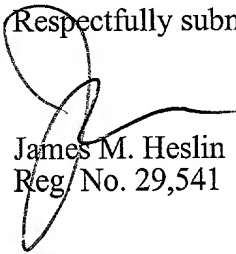
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It is believed that all claims herein are entitled to an earlier priority date than that of the claims in the '100 patent.

If for any reason the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would in any way expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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